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For: PHOTOMASK, FABRICATION )  
METHOD OF PHOTOMASK, AND )  
FABRICATION METHOD OF )  
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED )  
CIRCUIT )

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 3, 2002

Sir:

This response responds to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002 (Paper No. 16).

Concurrently attached to this response is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month extension and copies of three references.

REMARKS

This response responds to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002 in which the Examiner rejected claims 7-8 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejected claims 7, 22, 23 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), rejected claims 2, 5, 7, 9-11, 14, 15, 17-23 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and rejected claims 1-6, 8-21, 24 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 7-8 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully points out to the Examiner,

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